synthesizing engine; and (F) at least one user interface data set operatively coupled to the dialog manager, the user interface data set representing spoken language interface elements and data recognizable by the application of the device; wherein: (i) the dialog manager enables connection between the input audio system and the speech decoding engine such that the spoken utterance provided by the user is provided from the input audio system to the speech decoding engine; (ii) the speech decoding engine decodes the spoken utterance to generate a decoded output which is returned to the dialog manager; (iii) the dialog manager uses the decoded output to search the user interface data set for a corresponding spoken language interface element and data which is returned to the dialog manager when found; (iv) the dialog manager provides the spoken language interface element associated data to the application of the device for processing in accordance therewith; (v) the application of the device, on processing that element, provides a reference to an interface element to be spoken; (vi) the dialog manager enables connection between the audio output system and the speech synthesizing engine such that the speech synthesizing engine which, accepting data from that element, generates a synthesized output that expresses that element; and (vii) the audio output system audibly presenting the synthesized output to the user; a method for modifying a data structure containing the at least one user interface data set, comprising:

adding a new application to the device;

generating a second user interface data set in accordance with the new application, the second user interface data set representing spoken language interface elements and data recognizable by the new application;

transferring the second user interface data set from the device to the apparatus; and

loading the second user interface data set into the data structure of the apparatus.

Please add the following new claims:

--9. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the new application comprises a speech aware application, the speech aware application being responsive to user utterances for at least partially interacting with the new application.

10. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

the device prompting the user for information comprising a spoken utterance, the device manager being responsive to the spoken utterance for operatively modifying at least one of a predetermined parameter of the device and an application running on the device.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of prompting the user for information includes the steps of:

storing one or more user experience parameters corresponding to a familiarity of the user with a predetermined procedure of the application; and

selecting a prompt from a set of prompts for presentation to the user, the set of prompts including varying amounts of instruction based at least in part on experience parameters, the selected prompt substantially matching the stored experience parameters of the user.

12. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of prompting the user for information includes the steps of:

storing an internal data set including at least one of a date, a time and a number of times which a predetermined procedure of an application is performed; and

selecting a prompt from a set of prompts for presentation to the user, the set of prompts including varying amounts of instruction based at least in part on information included in the internal data set, the selected prompt substantially matching the stored internal data set.

13. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:

the portable spoken language interface device prompting the user for information

comprising a spoken utterance, the device being responsive to the spoken utterance for operatively modifying at least one of a predetermined parameter of the device and an application running on the device.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of prompting the user for information includes the steps of:

storing one or more user experience parameters corresponding to a familiarity of the user with a predetermined procedure of the application; and

selecting a prompt from a set of prompts for presentation to the user, the set of prompts including varying amounts of instruction based at least in part on experience parameters, the selected prompt substantially matching the stored experience parameters of the user.

15. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of prompting the user for information includes the steps of:

storing an internal data set including at least one of a date, a time and a number of times which a predetermined procedure of an application is performed; and

selecting a prompt from a set of prompts for presentation to the user, the set of prompts including varying amounts of instruction based at least in part on information included in the internal data set, the selected prompt substantially matching the stored internal data set.

16. (New) Apparatus for automatically providing contingent transfer and execution of one or more spoken language interfaces for a user with respect to at least one external network with which the user interacts, the apparatus comprising:

a portable spoken language interface device; and

a personal data assistant (PDA) operatively coupled to the spoken language interface device, the PDA including at least one application associated therewith;

wherein the portable spoken language interface device is operative to: (i) request a

spoken language interface data set from the external network upon discovery of the external network; (ii) receive from the external network the spoken language interface data set; and (iii) load the spoken language interface data set into the data structure of the portable spoken language interface device for use by the user interfacing with the external network.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the portable spoken language interface device is in wireless communication with the external network.

18. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the portable spoken language interface device comprises a personal speech assistant (PSA), the PSA comprising:

an audio input system for receiving speech data provided by the user;

an audio output system for outputting speech data to the user;

a speech decoding engine for generating a decoded output in response to spoken utterances;

a speech synthesizing engine for generating a synthesized speech output in response to text data;

a dialog manager operatively coupled to the device, the audio input system, the audio output system, the speech decoding engine and the speech synthesizing engine; and

at least one user interface data set operatively coupled to the dialog manager, the user interface data set representing spoken language interface elements and data recognizable by the application of the device;

wherein:

the dialog manager enables connection between the input audio system and the speech decoding engine such that the spoken utterance provided by the user is provided from the input audio system to the speech decoding engine;

the speech decoding engine decodes the spoken utterance to generate a decoded output which is returned to the dialog manager;

the dialog manager uses the decoded output to search the user interface data set for a corresponding spoken language interface element and data which is returned to the dialog manager when found;

the dialog manager provides the spoken language interface element associated data to the application of the device for processing in accordance therewith;

the application of the device, on processing that element, provides a reference to an interface element to be spoken;

the dialog manager enables connection between the audio output system and the speech synthesizing engine such that the speech synthesizing engine which, accepting data from that element, generates a synthesized output that expresses that element; and

the audio output system audibly presents the synthesized output to the user.

19. (New) An article of manufacture for automatically providing a spoken language interface for a user with respect to at least one external network with which the user interacts, wherein the user possesses a portable spoken language interface device having a data structure for storing one or more user interface data sets used to provide one or more spoken language interfaces, comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

requesting a spoken language interface data set from the external network upon discovery of the network;

transferring the spoken language interface data set from the external network to the device; and

loading the spoken language interface data set into the data structure of the device for use by the user interfacing with the external network.--